

REMARKS

The present application includes pending claims 1-18, and 20. Claims 1-11, 18, and 20 were allowed. By this amendment, claims 12-17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, while new claims 21 has been added. No fee is believed due with respect to new claim 21, because the total number of claims does not exceed 20, and the number of independent claims does not exceed 3.

The Office Action states that "claims 1 and 18 are allowed for incorporating the allowable subject matter as indicated in the previous Office action, dated September 13th, 2006." November 9, 2006 Office Action at page 7. The previous Office Action stated the following:


The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. The prior art of record neither teaches nor reasonably suggests the additional limitation of placing a third cushioned bumper between the first and second cushioned bumpers as required by claim 19.

September 13, 2006 Office Action at page 9. New claim 21 has been added in view of this statement of reasons for allowance noted above. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 21, in addition to pending claims 1-11, 18, and 20, should be in condition for allowance.

In light of the above, the Applicants request reconsideration of the application and look forward to working with the Examiner to resolve any remaining issues in the application. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the

Applicants. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-0845.

Respectfully submitted,



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